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ALBANIA

STUDENTS INCREASE -- Helsinki, Vapaa Sana, 4 Dec 53

The cultural level of Albania has risen since Would War II. The number of children who attend school increased from 58,000 in prewar Albania to 178,000 in 1951.

HUNGARY

NEW SCHOOLS -- Tehran, Journal de Tehran, 10 Jan 54

An increased allocation for education in the Budapest municipal budget for 1954 will provide for 67 new classes. New schools will be built in all the newly developed sections of the city.

TEACHERS DEFICIENT -- Stockholm, Svenska Dagbladet, 14 Oct 53

Vienna, 13 October (TT-Reuters) -- Kozneveles, the periodical of the Hungarian Department of Education, complains in its October 1953 issue about the low qualifications of teachers. It says that school children sometimes correct their young teachers on points of grammar and spelling. Many mathematics teachers are not certain of the four arithmetical processes and are unsure with decimal fractions. Kozneveles concludes that the teachers "lack training and polifical views. They do not read enough and are not interested in cultural pursuits."

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POLAND

ANTI-CATHOLIC CROUPS MERGE IN POLAND -- Paris, Danube-Press, 15 Nov 53

The Commission of Catholic Intellectuals and Activists and the Commission of Priests, two organizations founded by Polish Communists to create confusion among the faithful, have decided to merge in order to "lead the fight against imperialism and the Vatican with more ardor."

TWO PAPERS DROPPED -- Athens, Le Messager d'Athenes, 31 Oct 53

Wola Ludu, the daily newspaper of the Polish United Peasants' Party, and Kurier Codzienny, daily newspaper of the Democratic Party, have been discontinued. The two parties will publish weekly newspapers instead.

BROADCASTING DATA -- Mexico City, La Nueva Polonia, Oct 53

There are nine radio stations in the following Polish cities, in addition to the Central Broadcasting Station at Warsaw: Cracovia, Lodz, Stalinograd, Poznan, Wrocław, Gdansk, Bydgoszcz, and Szczecin. There are 12 long-, medium-, and short-wave, transmitters. The short-wave programs are heard in America, Australia, and throughout Europe. The number of licensed receivers has increased from about one million in 1939 to over 2 million; by the end of 1955 radio brings radio university programs to over 200,000 enrolled students. ---

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

BAN SHORT-WAVE LISTENING -- New York, Staats-Zeitung und Herold, 2 Jan 54

Olomouc -- Owners of radio sets with short-wave receiving bands are punished when the sets are discovered. At Olomouc and in rural communities, authorities are constantly checking on the use of short-wave receivers. Short-wave receivers is permitted only as a community activity.

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